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SUBJECT: CYPRUS ALREADY HELPING LEBANON; ARMAMENTS TO LAF  
UNLIKELY

REF: A. STATE 93173

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Classified By: Ambassador Ronald L. Schlicher for reason 1.5 (b).

(C) Poloff conveyed July 5 reftel A points to MFA Near East Affairs Attache Dionysis Dionysiou. Dionysiou immediately discussed same with MFA Political Director (P equivalent) Ambassador Euripedes Evriviades. Dionysiou replied that, if Cyprus has surplus stocks of 105mm tank and 155mm howitzer rounds, it is "unlikely to provide these" to the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) due to internal political concerns (read: the presence of Turkish Forces on the island demands that the Greek Cypriot National Guard stockpile). He did, however, stress that Cyprus has just given 10,000 Cypriot Pounds (approximately USD 23,000) to the LAF for fuel, and further noted that the GOC has committed to provided 30,000 Cypriot Pounds (approximately USD 69,000) to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) flash appeal to aid Palestenians displaced in Lebanon (reftel B).

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